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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

-- A data communication ~~apparatus~~ device and method for reducing a load on a mail server. By The device ~~transmittings~~ image data ~~based on the contents of~~ from an electronic mail by a ~~method other than~~ without using the electronic mail itself. The ~~data communication method~~ performed by the apparatus comprises device functions by inputting image data, storing the image data, transmitting ~~predetermined-format~~ non-image data relating to the image data to a destination by electronic mail, recognizing an instruction received from a that transmission destination ~~to which the electronic mail was transmitted~~, and transmitting the stored image data without using by a method other than electronic mail, but rather in a way requested in ~~on the~~ basis of the contents of the instruction.—